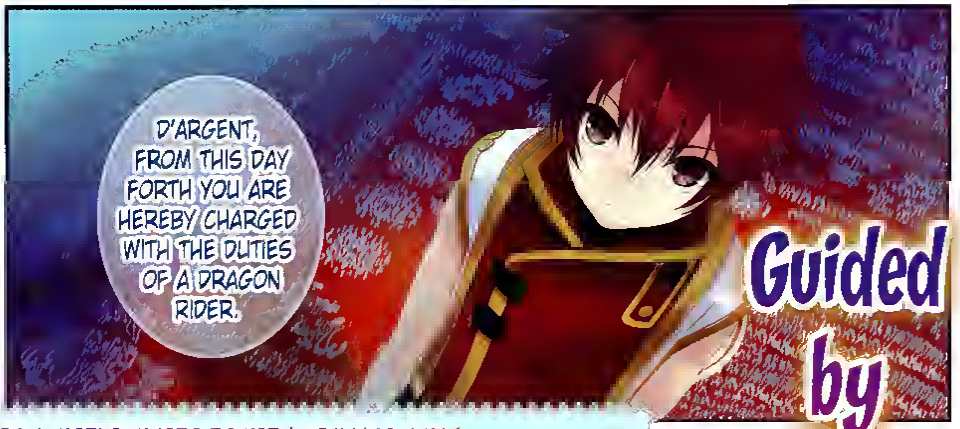

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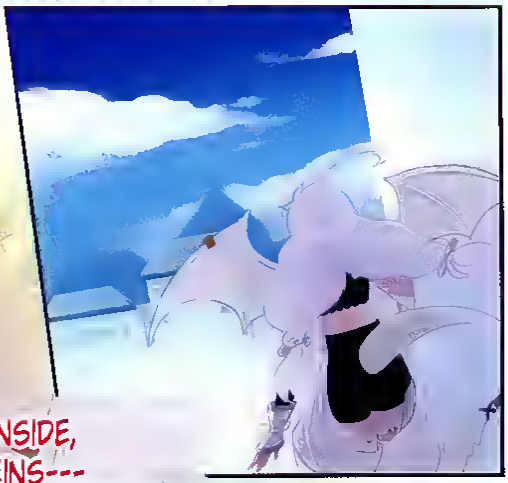
IN A WORLD WHERE POWER IS FALLING AWAY

Now, the time to journey onward has come!

THE WAR DRAGONS BEAT THEIR WINGS



WITH A RIOT OF EMOTION BURIED INSIDE,
THE DRAGON RIDERS TAKE THE REINS---

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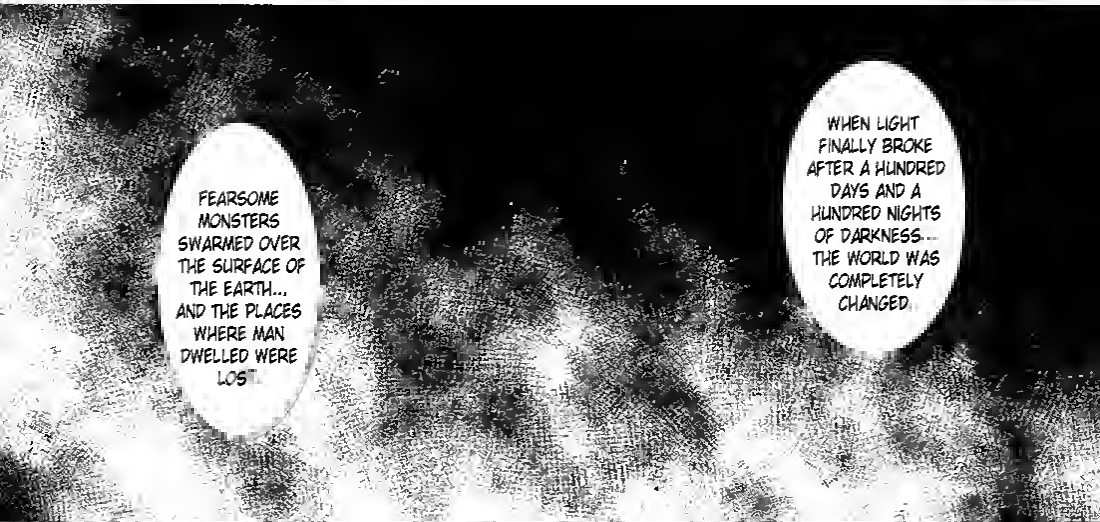
NATION OF LIGHT - SOLEIL
THRONEROOM OF KING SCHWEIN
D'ARGENT. I AM SURE YOU ARE AWARE, BUT...
THINK OF THIS AS PART OF THE RITUAL AND LISTEN...
PEOPLE AND DRAGON RIDERS - THE HISTORY OF OUR WORLD.

150 YEARS AGO---
THE WORLD WAS SUDDENLY ENGULFED IN DARKNESS.


FEARSOME MONSTERS SWARMED OVER THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH... AND THE PLACES WHERE MAN DWELLED WERE LOST.
WHEN LIGHT FINALLY BROKE AFTER A HUNDRED DAYS AND A HUNDRED NIGHTS OF DARKNESS... THE WORLD WAS COMPLETELY CHANGED.

HUMANITY CREATED A GREAT FLOATING CITY.
USING THE VAST ENERGY THIS CRYSTAL PRODUCED AS A FOCUS,
THE GREAT CRYSTAL SHUGURARUUMU ...
NATION OF GREEN - KOSHUUKA THRONEROOM OF KING SEELE
NATION OF WATER - WISSENSCHAFT THRONEROOM OF QUEEN VAJNA
HOWEVER... LIGHT, GREEN, AND OUR OWN NATION, WATER
FOR THESE THREE NATIONS ON THE FLOATING LAND OF LITHOS, THE GREATEST CONFLICT IS
THE WAR OF THREE KINGDOMS!

LITHOS, THE FLOATING CITY.
TO PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM THE MONSTERS BELOW, HUMANS BUILT A HOME HERE, LIVING IN HARMONY WITH DRAGONS.
NOW THE RACES OF MAN FACE AN EVEN GREATER CRISIS.
PEACE VANISHES INTO THE FLAMES OF BATTLE. WE HAVE PAID A HIGH PRICE INDEED FOR THIS "CONCLUSION".

IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THE CRYSTAL -
THE CRYSTAL FROM WHICH THE STRENGTH OF LITHOS FLOWS -
IS WEAKENING.
DRAGON RIDERS:
THE ELITE MILITARY UNIT, APPOINTED BY THE MONARCH'S ROYAL COMMAND, THAT WAS FORMED TO DELIVER US ALL FROM THE CRISIS THAT CONFRONTED OUR NATIONS!

NATION OF LIGHT - SOLEIL
AWESOOO-OOOME-!!!
SUPER-POWERFUL DRAGONS OUT THE WAZOO!

D'ARGENT. YOU ARE TO GO TO THE HOUSE OF DRAGONS AND
RECEIVE YOUR INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE DRAGON THERE THAT IS TO BE YOUR COMPANION.
YES YES YES YESSSSS!! I DID IT!
I'M ONE OF THE DRAGON RIDERS!
WONDER WHICH ONE'S MY COMPANION?
MAYBE THIS ONE... HE LOOKS STRONG!
YOU MUST BE D'ARGENT
MY NAME IS SHURUN, AND I'M...
YOUR "DRAGON"!

LISTEN TO WHAT I'M SAYING!
HOLD ON!
GOOD DRAGON
BUT IT'S JUST THAT... YOU JUST CAME OUT OF THE BLUE CALLING YOURSELF A DRAGON...
THAT'S RIGHT! I'M SAYING. I'M YOUR DRAGON COMPANION!
NO WAY! THERE ARE TONS OF DRAGONS HERE!
AH-
WHAT? DID I HURT YOUR FEELINGS?
.....
I MEAN, IT'S JUST HARD FOR ME TO BELIEVE WHEN YOU SAY SOMETHING OUT OF THE BLUE LIKE THAT...
DO!
WHISPER
CUTE... LITTLE... NUMBER
YOU'RE SERIOUSLY SAYING A CUTE LITTLE NUMBER LIKE YOU IS A DRAGON
MY DRAGON?

YOU PASSED, CONGRATS~!
WHA-AAA-AAA-AA?!
WELL, YOU MAY HAVE GOTTEN THE WRONG IDEA BUT I GUESS THERE'S NO BLAMING YOU.
OF COURSE, THIS FORM IS ONLY TEMPORARY ...
T-TEMPO-RARY?
MY TRUE FORM IS VERY MUCH LIKE WHAT YOU'VE BEEN HOPING FOR ...
VERY MUCH INDEED.

NOW THAT THE INITIATION'S OVER...
I'M LAAAAAAA-AAAAAAATE-! THIS IS BAAAAAAAD-!
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LET'S SEE, I WONDER IF THE HOUSE OF DRAGONS IS THIS WAY...
HYA--!?
EH?
KYA-AAA-AAA-AAA-AAA-AA
PLEASE LOOK OOO-OOO-OOO-OOUT

IS IT POSSIBLE THAT, YOU ARE A...
OW OW OW~ ...
KYAAAH-?!
I'M FIINE~ BEING STURDY IS THE ONLY THING I HAVE GOING FOR ME...
EHEHEH
LIM, ARE YOU OKAY?
"HUMAN-FORM DRAGON"?

THAT WOULD BE NICE IF I HAD ONE, BUT...
...
YES- I'M THE ONLY ONE IN KOSHUUKA ...
I SEE... I'M SURE YOUR PARTNER MUST BE VERY PROUD OF YOU
AH! SERAPHIA-SAMA, ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOMEONE? I'LL SHOW YOU AROUND!
MY, THAT WOULD BE A GREAT HELP!
I AM LOOKING FOR A DRAGON BY THE NAME OF SCHNEE...
EHH-?!?!

I AM... SCHNEE ...
AS YOUR DRAGON PARTNER I'M SO SORRY FOR BEING SUCH A CLUMSY SCATTERBRAIN ...
YOU ARE SCHNEE!?
COU-COULD IT BE THAT... YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT YOU HAVING CRASHED INTO ME?
... AND ABOUT WHAT I'LL END UP DOING IN THE FUTURE!
WORRIED
PANIC
SCHNEE, DO YOU
IN THE FUTURE?
ACCEPT ME AS YOUR PARTNER?
THEN DOES THAT MEAN...

OF COURSE, SERAPHIA-SAMA!
YOU'RE FAMOUS!
YOU'RE NOT AWARE THAT YOU, YOURSELF, ARE ROYALTY!
DID I ?
THAT REMINDS ME, DID I INTRODUCE MYSELF?
.....
THE HOUSE OF DRAGONS SHOULD BE... HERE
WATER NATION: WISSENSCHAFT

THEY SAID MY PARTNER'S NAME IS SCHLUSSEL, HUH.
I HEAR IT'S ONE OF THE FEW HUMAN-FORM DRAGONS...
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR MEETING.
IT'S TERRIBLE, IGROG-SAMA!
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A RESEARCHER JUST RAN OFF WITH
THE DRAGON THAT WAS GOING TO BE YOUR PARTNER!
SHE WAS MUTTERING SOMETHING ABOUT "FINAL ADJUSTMENTS", BUT I'M NOT SURE EXACTLY...
.....
WHAT FOR?
...UNDER-STOOD.

DID THE RESEARCHER WHO TOOK HER HAPPEN TO BE A PETITE WOMAN?
UH, YES! DO YOU KNOW HER...?
ELITE!
YOU'RE HERE, AREN'T YOU!?
カチャ
...CALL ME PROFESSOR ELITE.
AND EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE ENTERING A LADY'S ROOM YOU DO NOT KNOCK BEFORE ENTERING?

I'LL HAVE YOU GIVE MY DRAGON BACK.
I WILL
BUT BEFORE THAT, THERE ARE FINAL ADJUSTMENTS TO BE MADE...
FINAL ADJUST-MENTS?
UUU....
UUU...
EFFEC-TIVENESS IS PARA-MOUNT!
MAGICAL POWER BALANCE INTEGRATION...
30%...
32%...

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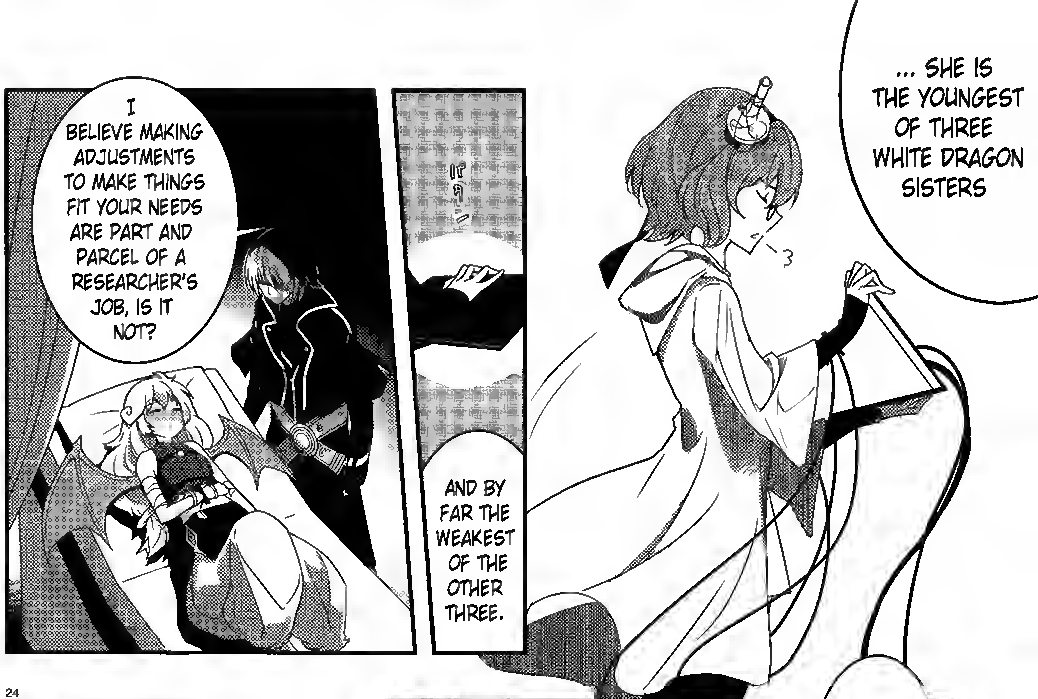
STOP, ELITE!!


... SHE IS THE YOUNGEST OF THREE WHITE DRAGON SISTERS
AND BY FAR THE WEAKEST OF THE OTHER THREE.
I BELIEVE MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO MAKE THINGS FIT YOUR NEEDS ARE PART AND PARCEL OF A RESEARCHER'S JOB, IS IT NOT?

YOUR METHODS ARE TOO ROUGH.
IT'S FINE AS LONG AS SHE GETS STEADILY MORE POWERFUL.
UNTIL THEN I WILL COMPENSATE FOR HER.
HAA
HAA

HUMANS HAVE YEARNED...

...FOR A "CONTINENT" WHERE THEY COULD LIVE IN PEACE...

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SCHLUSSEL?
MM-HMM ...
WHO ARE YOU...?
"ISN'T THERE STILL A PEACEFUL LAND SOMEWHERE, WHERE MONSTERS DON'T EXIST?" THEY ASK.
I AM IGROG.
THE DRAGON RIDER WHO IS YOUR PARTNER.

THE WISHES OF HUMANS BECAME LEGEND.
AND THAT LEGENDARY LAND WAS CALLED...

ARCADIA, A VERITABLE UTOPIA ON THE WORLD BELOW.
YES - THERE IS STILL NO END TO WAR...
MY, THAT'S SOME GREETING YOU HAVE THERE! FROM NOW ON I GUESS I WON'T BE CARRYING SOMEONE LIKE YOU ON MY BACK AFTER ALL
?
EHHH...? Y-YOUR BACK?
JEEZ, YOU'RE SO SLOW, D'ARGENT.
WAIT UP!
WHERE ARE YOU EVEN GOING?!
THOUGH YET UNSEEN, THE THREE NATIONS SEEK TO FIND IT FIRST
OF COURSE, I TOLD YOU THIS WAS ONLY A TEMPORARY FORM, DIDN'T I?
DON'T WORRY

I AM GOING TO MAKE YOU INTO A FULL-FLEDGED DRAGON RIDER!
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THE ELITE MILITARY UNIT TAKES TO THE SKIES AND IS DISPATCHED TO THE SURFACE.
THESE SOLDIERS...

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